

PRAYER

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Prayer found near Tours, France in 1918 by A.E.F. Doughboy of World War 1.

The Supreme prayer of my heart is not to be rich, famous, powerful, or “too good” but to be radiant.

I desire to radiate health, calm, cheerfulness and good will.

I wish to live without hate, whim, jealousy, envy or fear.

I wish to be simple, honest, frank, natural, clean in mind and clean in body, unaffected, ready to say “I do not know,” if so it be, to meet all men on an absolute equality, to face any obstacle and meet every difficulty un- abashed and unafeard.

I wish others to live their lives, too, up to their fullest and best. To that end I pray that I may never meddle, interfere, dictate, give advice, that is not wanted or assist when my services are not needed.

If I can help people, I will do it, by giving them a chance to help them- selves; and if I can uplift or inspire, let it be by example, inference, suggestion, rather than by injunction and dictation. This is to say, I desire to be radiant, to radiate life.